

REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-46 are pending in the application. Claim 40 has been amended to remove the recitation "a hardware component disposed in the wooden insert at the opening in the metallic frame," which was added as new dependent claim 46. In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all the pending claims.

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I, including claims 1-22 and 32-45 with traverse.

The restriction requirement is predicated on the combination as not requiring "a hardware component disposed in the wooden insert at the opening in the metallic frame." (Office Action of April 17, 2007, page 2).

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants have amended independent claim 40 to remove this recitation. Since none of the independent claims directed to an astragal assembly or a door assembly presently recite "a hardware component disposed in the wooden insert at the opening in the metallic frame," this feature can no longer serve as a basis for supporting the restriction requirement. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement, and consideration of claims 1-46 on the merits.

It is respectfully submitted that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, there being no other objections or rejections, this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

A fee of \$50 for an additional claim has been incurred by this Amendment. If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account debit Account 50-0548.

Respectfully submitted,



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